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~TEA~

Little change since last report. The Chinese and Japanese war has kept the market stiff, however no advance in price. As the market is an extensive one that notwithstanding the war, free shipments are arriving from both China and Japan. Teas at these prices are much more economical than Coffee. A 20c Tea will go twice as far as a 20c pound of Coffee. Our Tea trade has grown to large proportions. We continue to sell at low prices. We purchase direct from the importers and sell direct to our customers, in this way saving to our customers the profits of the jobber and wholesale merchant which are at least 10 to 15c per pound each. This our customers receive the benefit of, hence the explanation of our ability to sell so cheap.

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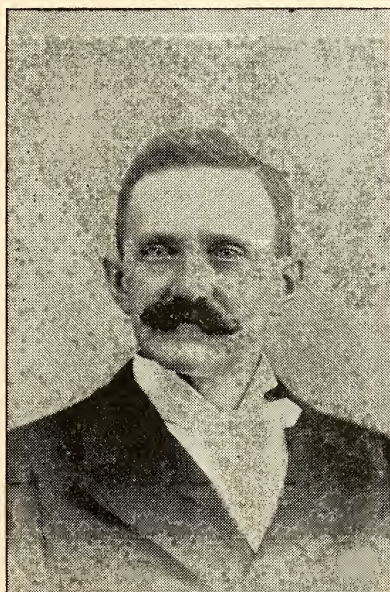
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Rev. A. K. Zartman, A. M.

Yours with many kind wishes, and great anticipations
in the Master's Work for 1896.

AMUSEMENTS — THE CHRISTIANS' RELATION TO THEM.

(CONCLUDED FROM NOVEMBER.)

GAMBLING.

There is one thing against which I will speak for the sake of the young men. I was riding through the city of Chicago with a gentleman who sat with us on the platform the other night—a friend of mine in the ministry—and he said to me. "You know I am not in the regular ministry now," and when I ask him what he was doing, he said, "I am conducting an anti-gambling crusade." I said, "Do you mean down in the slums with gamblers?" Oh, no, he said, "My work is with the young men of the better families throughout the country." I asked him if there were many of them that gambled: and he gave me the figures. They would startle you if I gave them to you. He said that nine out of every ten of all the men who are professional gamblers to-day—and their number is legion—that had come from the so-called better families, began a gambling career by playing an innocent game of cards. He said, "I can prove it!" And he did prove it. I said to myself, as I went to my hotel in Chicago, "Possibly, I might play cards from now until eternity dawns, if I lived so long, and never be hurt personally," and I don't know but I might, but I would not touch a card any more than I would take a live coal and let it burn its way through my hand, because my holding the cards might damn my boy and I be responsible before God. And I call upon every young woman here, for the sake of the manhood of the day, and upon every mother, for the sake of the youth of the day, to take a stand against anything that might rob a man of his manhood, and I know that this will do it.

GAIN.

Well, I have talked longer than I expected on these things, and so close with this: I have spoken about the things we must give up. Now, what is the gain?

Some of you say, "Well, what did Peter give up?" And you try to figure it up, and all you can find that he ever did give up was an old boat that was not sea-worthy, an old net that needed mending, and an old father that was ready to die, and you say to-day, "Why, I would be willing to give up things like that." But you must remember that that was all he had. The only boat he had was old, the only net he had was almost useless, and the only father he had was ready to die, and he gave up everything, and all is all whether you live in a hut or in a palace! How many of you have ever given up all for the sake of the Lord Jesus Christ? What did he gain? Well, I don't know whether you have ever read the exegesis by Dr. Robinson. He says that the first thing that Peter gained was a house, because it says, "He went into Peter's house." Well, if you deny that interpretation, I know you can't deny this, that it is just like the Lord to bless a man temporally when he gives up everything for him. Now, there was a case in Philadelphia of a certain printer, who became a Christian and joined the church. We took our church printing to him and the first thing we knew he had pushed out the partition between the room that he first occupied, and the one back of it, in order to get more room for his presses and cases; and the next thing we knew he had printing going on out in the kitchen, and then he had an addition built to the building, and the Lord has gone on blessing him ever since, because that man brought his printing presses, every font of type and every moment of his time, and placed them on the altar of the Lord. God always blesses those who give up everything for him. Then, the next thing that Peter gained was culture. He was a man, a poor fisherman, ignorant and unlearned. And here is a man writing the Epistles in the purest Greek that is to be found in the New Testament. Where did he get that,

brethren? Why, at the feet of Jesus, in complete surrender. The third thing he gained was fellowship with Jesus. With him in the home of Jairus; with him in the garden of Gethsemana; with him on mount of Transfiguration! Oh thou man of nets and boats, what would I not give if I could have a fellowship like thine! Well, I believe that I may have the same, if I make a sacrifice as complete.

Just this in closing. Have you ever been in the city called eternal. That city where stands, according to Gibbon, the historian, the grandest building used for religious purposes in all the world; three hundred and thirty-seven years in reaching completion; the work of fifteen architects, among whom were Raphael and Angelo; where seven hundred and fifty-six columns tower aloft to the great dome, and one hundred and twenty-one lights swing all the time before the altars, here and there. One of my friends stood beneath the dome recently, and he heard music in the distance; the guide touched him on the shoulder and said, "The pope of Rome is coming in," and suddenly they carried him in in state, and when he reached a certain point he descended from the platform arrangement upon which they carried him, and went away a little distance and kneeled down. He prayed for five minutes, then ten, then fifteen, and then arose and they carried him from the building. Can any of you tell me where he was kneeling? I don't believe it because it is a tradition of the church of Rome, but I believe it because it is a statement made by one of the best scholars of our day—and more than one. The pope of Rome was kneeling before a little crypt containing the ashes of St. Peter himself! Lift up your eyes my friends, see the marvelous dome, count the seven hundred columns and more, and see the lights swing to and fro, this is St. Peter's at Rome; and this is his monument! Oh, thou man of nets and boats, what would I

not give up for honor like this? Well, I may have more, for all things are yours, whether Paul, or Appolos, or Cephas, or the world, or life or death, or things present, or things to come; and then the chain of three links, for all are yours, link the first and ye are Christ's, link the second and Christ is God's, link the third, and we are bound to the eternal. What a life it is.

"Behold, we have forsaken all and followed thee, what shall we have therefore?" And the answer is "Everything." May the Lord help us to come out from the world and be separate and touch not the unclean things.

WEDDING BELLS.

December 9, William Haines and Lucintha Boger.

December 19, Jacob Schaich and May Boger.

December 24, Arla J. Paschal and Catharine Pence.

The VISITOR extends hearty congratulations to these young people. May the sunshine be perpetual and the waters peaceful, and may their mooring finally be in the port of the Celestial City.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

Monday, January 6. Humiliation and Thanksgiving, I John 1:8-9; Ps. 32:1-5; Ps 100.

Tuesday, Jan. 7. The Church Universal, Acts 1:5-8; John 17:20-23; Eph. 4:16.

Wednesday, Jan. 8. Nations and Their Rules, I Tim. 2:1-4; Matt. 5:10-12; I Pet. 2:13-25; Rev. 11:15.

Thursday, Jan. 9. Foreign and Home Missions, Isa. 40:1-5; Ps. 67; Rom. 10:11-15.

Friday, Jan. 10. Families and Schools, Mark 10:13-22; Matt. 19:3-9; Deut. 11:18-21.

CLARK BOLENDER, of Akron, Ohio, while on his way home from a trip to the West, stopped in the city for a few days. He was the guest of his father, Levi Bolender, and Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Paulus. We were pleased to have him call at the parsonage several times.

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ED CLOSE spent Sunday, Dec. 22, with
friends in Sandusky City.

MR. AND MRS. BENJAMIN CONRAD, of
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MR. AND MRS. SWEET remembered the
pastor's family with a large basket of
choice pippins. They are very fine. Many
thanks.

CARL SCHAAF is spending his Holiday
vacation with his grand mother and sister
in the city. We are glad to see him at
our services.

THE pastor's family returns thanks to
the members of the church for numerous
Christmas gifts. Hope all of our people
had a pleasant Christmas.

MISS AMELIA LUTZ has been visiting
Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Close, on Lewis street.
We were glad to make the acquaintance of
this lady and to see her at our services.

MISS ANNA DOERMER has been severely
afflicted recently, but is again much better.
She is always glad to see the members of
the church. When you can call and see her.
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PETER RIJNHART.

Interesting Letter From the Well Known
Missionary in Tibet.

KUMBUM, June 23, 1895.

My Dear Brother Leslie:

It is by no means because I have for-
gotten you that I have not written to you
for so long. No, no. I have had you in
my mind daily, and remembered you oh, so
often before our mutual Father. But first
of all, we had no stamps and could not
send, and were so busy we could not write;
even now we have so much on hand that
our time is wholly taken up with medical
work, gospel work, studying, etc., so that
every minute is occupied. But we often
remember you and speak of you, remem-
bering your kindness to God's children
while we sojourned with you.

God's kindness has been great to us, in
oh! so many ways, and though we have
met with opposition and trials we are still
as always so now also, joyful in the Lord
our Savior, who has made us to meet to be
partakers with the saints in light. My
heart is joyful in Him because He brought
me back to the land of my labors, with two
other workers, one of which is my dearly
beloved and highly esteemed wife. You
can not have an idea how I rejoice in all
the Lord brought me through, even the
bitter, the very bitter parts, because the
Scripture says, "It works out an exceeding
weight of glory, which glory is eternal."—
II Cor., 4-17—and not only do we get it in
the life to come, but even here we draw the
interests of that "Glorious Capital." We
are gradually getting settled, but have no
chapel yet, although we could reckon upon
a good audience daily if we had. But we
will use the money in hand for it, trusting
that in due time He will send the
money for our support. Our journey cost
us more than we anticipated, a great deal,
and if we had not had such a good ex-
change in Shanghai ere this our supply

would have run out and we be without anything; as it is we have up to date a small amount of silver in hand which trustingly we will put in His work in the building of the little chapel. He careth for you. I know you remember us in prayer; continue to do so. From the Tibetan you will hear about the rebellton of the Mohamedans only twenty li, or seven miles from here, etc. But we believe that He has not brought us out here to be killed by a mob of raging Mohamedans. I enclose in this letter a leaf out of the sacred Budhist books. If I can I will get you some other odds and ends and send them with Mr. Ferguson, who expects to meet his bride at Shanghai in September next. Give my love to Mother Hills and Mr. and Mrs. Zartman. and Josie, and Messrs. Shivers, Barrows, etc., etc., and all the dear friends you can think of. We are very happy, tell them, and longing for more workers to come out. Pray for us, and help us in that way and ask the friends to do the same. Same as ever, yours, lovingly,

PETER.

Address, Hankow, China, Local Post.

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM.

FIRST LORD'S DAY.

Question 1. What is thy only comfort in life and in death?

Answer. That I, with body and soul, both in life and in death, am not my own, but belong to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ. who with His precious blood has fully satisfied for all my sins, and redeemed me from all the power of the Devil; and so preserves me, that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; yea, that all things must work together for my salvation. Wherefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me heartily willing and ready henceforth to live unto Him.

Question 2. How many things are neces-

sary for thee to know, that thou in this comfort mayest live and die happy?

Answer. Three things: First, the greatness of my sin and misery. Second, how I am redeemed from all my sins and misery. Third, how I am to be thankful to God for such redemption.

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FIRST PART—OF MAN'S MISERY.

SECOND LORD'S DAY.

Question 3. Whence knowest thou thy misery?

Answer. Out of the Law of God.

Question 4. What does the Law of God require of us?

Answer. This Christ teaches us in sum, Matth. 22: Thou shalt love the Lord, thy God with all thy heart and with thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment; and the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Question 5. Canst thou keep all this perfectly?

Answer. No: for I am by nature prone to hate God and my neighbor.

THIRD LORD'S DAY.

Question 6. Did God create man thus wicked and perverse?

Answer. No. but God created man good, and after His own image, that is, in righteousness and true holiness; that he might rightly know God his Creator, heartily love Him, and live with Him in eternal blessedness, to praise and glorify Him.

Question 7. Whence then comes this depraved nature of man?

Answer. From the fall and disobedience of our first parents, Adam and Eve, in Paradise, whereby our nature became so corrupt, that we are all conceived and born in sin.

Question 8. But are we so far depraved, that we are wholly unapt to any good and prone to all evil?

Answer. Yes; unless we are borne again by the Spirit of God.

FOURTH LORD'S DAY.

Question 9. Does not God then wrong man, by requiring of Him in His Law that which he cannot perform?

Answer. No; for God so made man, that he could perform it; but man, through the instigation of the Devil, by willful disobedience deprived himself and all his posterity of this power.

Question 10. Will God suffer such disobedience and apostasy to go unpunished?

Answer. By no means; but He is terribly displeased with our inborn as well as actual sins, and will punish them in just judgment in time and eternity, as He has declared: Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them.

Question 11. Is then God not also merciful?

Answer. God is indeed merciful, but He is likewise just; wherefore His justice requires that sin, which is committed against the most high majesty of God, be also punished with extreme, that is, with everlasting punishment both of body and soul.

COTTAGE SERVICE.

A prayer service was held at our home on Tuesday morning, Dec. 3, conducted by Dr. Chapman.

He read for a lesson the 91 Psa. and spoke principally on the first verse.

"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High, shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty."

This Psalm was written by Moses, the man of God, as the children of Israel were journeying through the wilderness, and not by David, as many suppose.

It is here in this "secret place" that Moses carried all the trials and difficulties with which the children of Israel had to contend and pass through.

We have the same privileges to "dwell in the secret place of the most High, and abide under the shadow of the Almighty."

If we "dwell in the secret place with Him," what sweet communion we can hold and what a blessed thought to know, none but "God" is near. We tell him all our trials, our fears, our temptations, our sorrows, our afflictions and our joys. He is ever willing and ready to hear us and we "shall abide" under the shadow of the Almighty.

When weary and heavy laden how it rests the heart to steal away awhile into the "secret place" to have a little talk with Him. He is our refuge and our fortress, our God in whom we trust.

"He will deliver." He says: "There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling." How comforting to the weary ones to know He is able and willing to deliver us out of all our trials."

How beautifully John writes in the 15th chapter of his gospel: "Abide in Me and I in you." And how lovingly he invites all to come unto Him. Oh! the joy and happiness we experience in "abiding in Him." It fills our hearts with "love" and "peace" of which the world knoweth not. If we "abide in Him" we will be drawn nearer and nearer to Him in the bond of fellowship and love.

What a loving, sympathizing Saviour. How many times He pleads and we heed not His tender voice.

Come! and taste, the Lord is good. He is loving and kind. You may dwell in the secret place and abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

Is it not a sweet comfort to know we can carry every care and joy to Him, in the "secret place," in prayer, and how quickly He responds to our prayer.

My friends, let us, therefore, listen when He invites and the Spirit is striving with us to come unto Him and let us not refuse or reject Him. "The Lord is good and bears long with us."

Mr. Chapman's service was a real delight to us, as well as to the large company of friends who were in the service with us.

ANNA M. DOERMER.

Sabbath School.

SABBATH SCHOOL RECORD FOR DECEMBER.

Dec. 1, attendance, 159	Collection	\$3.79
" 8 " 159	"	4.22
" 15 " 171	"	4.01
" 22 " 165	"	5.59
" 29 " 138	"	4.18
Christmas collection, - - - -		71.73
Total for the month, - - - -		\$93.52

JANUARY 1 the new officers of the Sabbath school will enter upon their duties. The pastor, jointly with the consistory, will act as superintendent; Walter Close, secretary; Mrs. C. H. Lumpper, treasurer; Frank Hills and Ernest Close, Librarians. We hope the year '96 will be a telling year for the Sabbath School, and we ask every member of the church to help us in this work.

RECENT ACCESSIONS TO THE CHURCH DECEMBER 15.

Mrs. Anna Niehoff, Nathanael Niehoff, Miss Christina Niehoff, John Niehoff, Mrs. Mabel Clayton, Harry A. Keplinger, Mrs. Ada S. Keplinger, Miss Daisy Jones, Miss Jennie Wells, Rufus Drukenbrode, Mrs. Sarah Drukenbrode, Mrs. Catherine Schnieder, Miss Mollie Schnieder, Mrs. Herman Tapp, Bessie Tapp, Fred Tapp, Andrew Stinger, Arlena Stinger, Joseph Mitchel, Nora Mitchel, Christian Richards, Mrs. Bell Richards, Mrs. Ida Evans, Mrs. Allie Mullen, May Crouse, Addie Dreibelbis, Jessie M. Werts, Clara S. Perry, William Stockman, Lillie Bittencoffer, Edward Seabold, Mrs. Minnie Seabold, John Smith, Mrs. Lizzie Smith, Mrs. Susan Smith.

December 22. William H. Braithwait, Mrs. Bell Braithwait.

MRS. SIMONS and son, Joe, and Miss Ida Mast, of Bluffton, were in the city doing Christmas shopping. Miss Mast was prevailed upon to remain over until the next day at the parsonage.

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Weekly Prayer Meeting Sabbath Evening at 6:45.

PRAYER MEETING TOPICS AND LEADERS.

Jan. 5. Prayer—how to use it and enjoy it. Luke 18:1-4. A. K. Zartman.

Jan. 12. The peril and power of ambition. Luke 2:52; Deut. 8:11-20. Mary Rudisil.

Jan. 19. Secrets of strong lives. Luke 7:19-28. Lillie Walters.

Jan. 26. How and why we should testify for Christ I John 4:2-15. Emma Schwartz.

Feb. 2. Christian Endeavor Day. I Cor. 3:6-23. Special Program.

The annual meeting of the Young People's Society will be held at the close of the Wednesday evening services. January 8 all the young people of the church are expected at this meeting. There will be an election of officers at this meeting.

MONDAY evening, Jan. 6, there will be a cottage prayer meeting held at the home of Misses Anna and Lyda Doerner, on West Washington street.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT.

Christmas night the Sabbath School gave the Cantatta, Santa Claus' delight. About fifty of the children and young people took part in the entertainment. It was one of the most difficult Cantattas the school ever tried to give, but every person was delighted with the manner in which the children executed their parts. The choruses were beautiful. The Three Old Maids, the Fairies and Brownies, the Boot Black and Billy, the Superintendent, and last of all Old Santa, all did their parts full justice. Many of the young people who had principal parts in the singing

and speaking were highly complimented. The young people when complimented upon their success, said the success was due to the efficient training of Mrs. Zartman. Be this as it may, we are certain that many of the young people took great pains in their preparation. The Christmas offerings far exceeded our expectations. The Brick Buyers brought in about \$55.00. Miscellaneous offerings some over \$16.00. Making in all \$71.00. Some of the Brick Buyers have not yet been returned. At the close of the entertainment the children received their Christmas boxes of candy, etc. The large attendance at the entertainment, filling lecture rooms and every part of the auditorium from which the people could see or hear, is proof of the fact that the children's entertainments of Grace Church do not have their equal in the city. We are thankful for the interest taken in the children, and to all who in any way assisted in making the entertainment and offerings such a success.

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